

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1 – 10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) A turbidimetric immunoassay method for measuring lipoprotein(a) in a biological sample, comprising (i) effecting a mixture of said sample with latex particles, which are coated anti-lipoprotein(a) antibody, and with a basic amino acid under conditions such that agglutination of said particles can occur if lipoprotein(a) is present in said sample; and then (ii) observing said mixture for agglutination of said particles, wherein

(A) said antibody is present in said mixture in an amount of about 0.15 mg/ml or greater, and

(B) said basic amino acid is present in said mixture in an amount of about 12% by weight or greater.

12. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein said mixture contains about 0.15 mg/ml to about 0.23 mg/ml of said antibody.

13. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein said mixture contains about 12% to about 17% by weight of said basic amino acid.

14. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein said basic amino acid is arginine.

15. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein said antibody is a polyclonal antibody.